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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Application No. 11-38283. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.
2. European Application No. 0 978 715 A1
3. European Application No. 0 978 715 B1 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application. An English-language translation of the claims is available at columns 13-16 of the document.
4. German Application No. 195 09 129 A 1 - The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 3 and 4 of the specification of the present application.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English documents, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the European Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing documents 1 and 2, and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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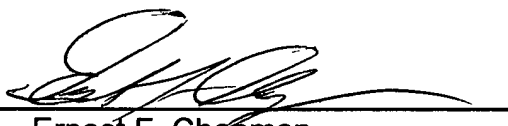
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